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Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1 - 8, 10 - 27, 29 - 35 and 37 - 45 are pending in the application, with 1, 7, 14, 20, 39 and 45 being the independent claims. Claims 28 and 36 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 1, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 20, 25, 26, 32, 33, 39 and 45 are amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated June 27, 2005, claims 1 - 4, 7 - 8, 14 - 24, 26 - 31 and 35 - 45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and is being allegedly anticipated by a US Patent No. 6,823,462 to Cheng *et al.* Claims 1 - 4, 7 - 8, 14 - 24, 26 - 31 and 35 - 45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by US Patent No. 6,701,437 to Hoke *et al.* Claims 5, 6, 10 - 13, 25, 32 - 34 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intermediate claims.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Interview at the US PTO of September 8, 2005

Applicants' representative thanks the examiner for the courtesies extended the interview at the United States Patent and Trademark Office of September 8, 2005. During the interview, the differences between the virtual environments of the present application and the virtual private

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networks of the cited references were discussed. As explained during the interview and in earlier submissions, the virtual environments of the present application have nothing in common with the virtual private networks to which the cited references are directed.

Allowable claims 5 - 6, 10 - 13, 25, 32 - 34

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 5 - 6, 10 - 13, 25 and 32 - 34.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

As discussed during the interview at the US PTO, in the interest of advancing the prosecution of this case, all of the independent claims have been amended to include the aspect of the virtual environments virtualizing a full-service operating system, and the virtual environments not requiring dedicated physical memory. Support for the language of the amendments may be found, for example, in the originally filed claims 5 and 10, as well as throughout the specification. These amendments clearly distinguish over any prior art that is directed to virtual private networks, such as, for example, the Cheng reference and the Hoke reference. Some of the dependent claims have also been amended for consistency with the amended independent claims.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are now allowable, and request that the rejections and objections be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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